

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office action is respectfully requested.

1. Allowable subject matter

Applicants note with appreciation that in Item 6 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner has allowed claims 1-15 as originally filed.

2. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 16-21 as originally filed under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Coleman (United States Patent No. 5,708,064).

The Examiner has further rejected claims 16-21 as originally filed under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Baney et al. (United States Patent No. 6,476,103).

Applicants have amended claim 16, the independent claim from which claims 17-21 depend, by further limiting the lens as having the following properties: (i) having a dominant wavelength between 570 and 605 nm and a color purity between 50% and 75%, or (ii) exhibiting substantially reduced transmittance of radiations having a wavelength shorter than about 550 nm, a photopic transmittance no greater than about 25% in the faded state and no greater than about 10% in the darkened state, and a scotopic transmittance no greater than about 3% in the faded state and no greater than 1% in the darkened state at a wavelength between about 450-550 nm.

Applicants submit that neither Coleman nor Baney et al. discloses the above filtering properties of the photochromic plastic lens.

Therefore, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 of claims 16-21 are obviated.

3. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected originally filed claims 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Baney et al. (United States Patent No. 6,476,103) in view of Garrity (United States Patent No. 6,174,464).

Applicants submit that the amendment herein made to claim 16, discussed supra, has obviated this rejection. This is because neither Baney et al. nor Garrity discloses or suggests the further limitations as to the lens property.

4. Conclusions

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicants believe the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicants respectfully request that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorize the Office to charge any necessary fee or

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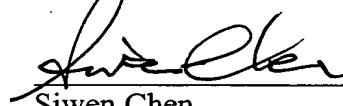
surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

The undersigned attorney is granted limited recognition by the Office of Discipline and Enrollment of the USPTO to practice before the USPTO in capacity as an employee of Corning Incorporated. A copy of the document granting such limited recognition either has been previously submitted or is submitted herewith for the record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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